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THREE MEN SENTENCED ON FEDERAL THEFT CHARGES

HUNTINGTON, W.Va. – Three men were sentenced today for their roles in a conspiracy to transport and sell stolen goods from a Huntington, West Virginia steel products company. William E. Lynd, 35, of Chesapeake, Ohio was sentenced to one year and a one day in prison and three years of supervised release; Roger Layman, 33, of Chesapeake, Ohio was sentenced to one weekend in jail, three years of probation and three months of home confinement; Christopher E. Mueller, 40, of Huntington was sentenced to three weekends in jail and five months of home confinement. All three individuals pleaded guilty to conspiracy to transport and sell stolen goods across state lines. At the time of the offense, Lynd was an employee of Steel of West Virginia (“SWVA”), Inc., a producer of steel products located in Huntington. All three defendants admitted to conspiring together to steal finished steel products from SWVA, Inc., and sell those steel products as scrap to dealers in the Huntington area. On February 14, 2008, Lynd and Layman admitted to the theft of steel products with a value in excess of \$7,000, from SWVA, Inc. In total, Lynd and his co-conspirators stole in excess of \$100,000 worth of steel products from in or about January 2008 through in or about April 2008. Layman further admitted to transporting the stolen steel products across state lines to Chesapeake, Ohio and subsequently selling the items for scrap value and sharing the proceeds with Lynd.

The Court ordered the defendants to pay \$110,513 in restitution.

United States District Judge Robert C. Chambers presided over the proceedings. Assistant United States Attorney Chuck Miller handled the prosecution.

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